## Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An optical device, comprising;

a plurality of optical modulators that respectively modulates a plurality of color lights in accordance with image information;

a color-combining optical element that combines the respective color lights modulated by the optical modulators, the color-combining optical element being integrated with the optical modulators;

a holding frame that holds that optical modulator and has an opening at a portion corresponding to an image formation area of the optical modulator; and

a holder disposed between the holding frame and the color-combining optical element,

wherein the holder includes a component having a thermal expansion coefficient lying midway between the thermal expansion coefficients of the holding frame and the color-combining optical element, and

wherein the optical modulator is fixed on a side of the color-combining optical element through the holding frame and the holder.

- 2. (Original) The optical device according to claim 1, wherein the holder is a molded article obtained by molding a resin composition composed of a fiber filler and a resin.
- 3. (Original) The optical device according to claim 2, wherein the resin composition is 50 weight % or less of the fiber filler.
  - (Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 1,
     wherein holes are formed <u>in at lease least</u> two parts of the holding frame, and

wherein the holder has a rectangular plate body having an opening at a position corresponding to the opening of the holding frame and a pin projecting from the rectangular plate body to be inserted to the hole of the holding frame.

- 5. (Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 4, wherein a distal end of the pin is thinner thatthan thea base end thereof.
- 6. (Original) The optical device according to claim 5, wherein the holding frame and the holder are fixed by a photo-curing adhesive.
- 7. (Original) The optical device according to claim 4, wherein a notch for absorbing a deformation result from a thermal stress applied on the rectangular plate body is formed on the rectangular plate body.
- 8. (Original) A projector, comprising:

  an optical device according to claim 1; and a projection lens for projecting an image formed by the optical device.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 2,
  wherein holes are formed in at leaseleast two parts of the holding frame, and
  wherein the holder has a rectangular plate body having an opening at a
  position corresponding to the opening of the holding frame and a pin projecting from the
  rectangular plate body to be inserted to the hole of the holding frame.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 3,
  wherein holes are formed in at leaseleast two parts of the holding frame, and
  wherein the holder has a rectangular plate body having an opening at a
  position corresponding to the opening of the holding frame and a pin projecting from the
  rectangular plate body to be inserted to the hole of the holding frame.

- 11. (Previously Presented) The optical device according to claim 5, wherein a notch for absorbing a deformation result from a thermal stress applied on the rectangular plate body is formed on the rectangular plate body.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The optical device according to claim 6, wherein a notch for absorbing a deformation result from a thermal stress applied on the rectangular plate body is formed on the rectangular plate body.
- 13. (Previously Presented) A projector, comprising:

  an optical device according to claim 2; and a projection lens for projecting an image formed by the optical device.
- 14. (Previously Presented) A projector, comprising:

  an optical device according to claim 3; and a projection lens for projecting an image formed by the optical device.
- 15. (Previously Presented) A projector, comprising:

  an optical device according to claim 4; and a projection lens for projecting an image formed by the optical device.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A projector, comprising:

  an optical device according to claim 5; and a projection lens for projecting an image formed by the optical device.
- 17. (Previously Presented) A projector, comprising:

  an optical device according to claim 6; and a projection lens for projecting an image formed by the optical device.
- 18. (Previously Presented) A projector, comprising:

  an optical device according to claim 7; and a projection lens for projecting an image formed by the optical device.